

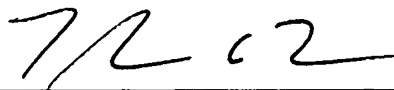
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification to add a priority claim to International Patent Application No. PCT/GB2003/004298, filed October 6, 2003, under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, which claims priority to and the benefit of British Patent Application No. 0223127.2, filed October 4, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment before beginning examination of the above-identified patent application. After entry of this amendment, claims 1-131 will be pending. Applicants have amended claims 6, 12, 14-16, 20, 21, 25-27, 31, 34, 38, 40, 41, 44, 46, 47, 61, 67, 69-71, 75, 76, 80-83, 86, 89, 91-93, 101, 109, 115, 117, 119, 120, 123, 126, and 127 to correct or remove multiple dependencies. Support for these amendments may be found, for example, in the previously filed claims and throughout the specification.

Applicants believe that the foregoing amendments introduce no new matter. Early favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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